

MERSEYSIDE FREE RADIO SCENE Week ending Sunday 28th December 1986

As anticipated, many of the local stations made special efforts to be on the air over the holiday period, with Mersey Waves operating seven-day for the whole period.

RADIO MERSEY WAVES 1242kHz: 9, Meadfoot Road, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7UW.

The station closed down between 9pm and Midnight on Christmas Eve for "adjustments" but later announcements said that they had actually installed a larger transmitter for the holiday period. On Sunday, Burt Williams thanked all the DJs who had given up their holiday hours to keep the station on the air and also to Keith the Chief for organising things. Noted this week were:-

- Mon: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Cont music; 11am Peter Thomas (for Jeff Starr); 1pm DJC; 3pm ???; 5pm Peter Thomas; 6pm KtC; 9pm Mark Newman; 11pm Mark Wright; 12:30am Sidney; 3am(?) C/down
- Tues: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Sidney; 2pm Dave Collins; 4pm Peter Thomas; 5pm Mark Newman; 7pm DJC; 9pm remainder of schedule not noted.
- Wed: 8am Dave Collins; 11am Mark Wright; 1pm Peter Thomas; 3pm Dave Benitez; 5pm ???; 7pm Tony Hollis; 9pm c/down then intermittent signal and "test" announcements; Midnight Dave Collins; ?? c/down (2am?)
- Thur: 9am Dave Collins; 11am Mark Palmer; 2pm Mark Newman; 4pm Tony Hollis; 6pm KtC with live phone-in; 8pm Don La One; 10:30pm c/down
- Fri: 8am Dave Collins; 10am KtC; Noon Peter Thomas; 2pm Burt Williams; 4pm KtC; 6pm Mark Palmer; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Dave Collins; Midnight-8am KtC/Mark Newman "All-Night Xmas Special"
- Sat: 8am Dave Collins; 10am Mad Mike; Noon Peter Thomas; 2pm Paul James; 4pm Mark Palmer; 6pm Tara; 8pm Tony Hollis; 10pm Paul Jay; Midnight Dave Collins; 1am c/down
- Sun: 8am Dave Collins; 11am Wayne Scott; 1pm Tony Coltrane; 3pm Burt Williams; 5pm DJC; 6pm Dave Benitez; 8pm Don La One; 10pm Tony Hollis; Midnight Sidney; 3am(?) c/down.

CONCEPT RADIO 104.3MHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD

This station began their special broadcasts at 7pm on Christmas Eve but DJ change-over times haven't been noted. Around midnight the signal consisted of intermittent loud buzzing noises and shortly afterwards programming faded-in but with a stereo signal! Unfortunately, the stereo signal was weak and barely heard. Close-down time wasn't noted. The stereo experiment seems to have been regarded as a failure and the station broadcast in mono for the rest of the period. Noted were:-

- Wed: 7pm Jim Lowe; ?? c/down
- Thur: 10am Tom Webb; Noon Jim Lowe; 2pm c/down
- Sun: 6pm Dave Moore (guest); 8:30pm Jim Lowe; 10pm Tom Webb; Midnight Webb & Lowe Show(?); ?? c/down

CENTRAL RADIO INT: 1404kHz: 30, Elkstone Road, Norris Green, Liverpool L11 2TD.

This station operated on Boxing Day in addition to their normal weekend schedule. The signal remains strong and noted were:-

- Fri: 10am Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 4pm Chris Peters; 7pm(?) Jeff Thompson; 9pm c/down
- Sat: 8am Charles Browne; 10:30am Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 4pm Tom Webb; 6pm Jeff Thompson; 9pm c/down
- Sun: 8am Charles Browne; 10:30am Jim Lowe; 1pm Phil Davies; 4pm Tom Webb; 6pm Chris Peters(?); ?? Jeff Thompson; 9pm c/down

CDFM 105.2MHz

This station was noted with a very weak stereo signal from 9:15pm on Boxing Day. The broadcast was announced as a "test transmission" and the signal was intermittent or "carrier only" for much of the time and had closed down by 11:45pm. No mailing address has yet been noted

CAROLINE NORTH 1325/1296kHz: 18, Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Merseyside L20 6DF.

The Christmas Eve broadcast wasn't noted either in Liverpool or Wallasey. The station say that they were on 1325kHz between 10am and 4pm but were "jammed" for the whole time. On Christmas Day they were noted on 1325kHz with Mark Evans announcing a 10am-2pm transmission, but at 1:40pm the signal suffered a lot of interference from the carrier of Liverpool Pirate Radio, who opened on 1332kHz at 2pm. The station was next noted on 1325kHz from 10:45am on Boxing Day, announcing Mark Evans till noon, then Jim Browne to 2pm, but the usual problem with interference from 1314 and 1368kHz prevented reception after 12:30pm. By Sunday, they had moved to 1296kHz when they were "testing" with old tapes till noon, followed by Mark Evans, but this frequency is also a very poor choice and the signal wasn't found after 12:30pm. They stayed on 1296kHz on Sunday, when they were heard signing-on at 10am with a weak but fairly clear signal. From noon, they were

